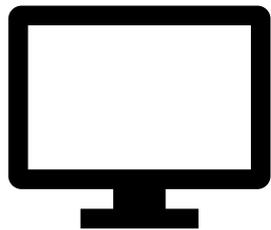


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The Erie Canal was considered the Eighth Wonder of the World when it was built. It was a transportation route during the Industrial Revolution and Westward Expansion.

A canal is an artificial waterway that connects a smaller body of water inland to a larger body of water. Canals provide pathways for boats and ships to pass through.

The Erie Canal was an engineering marvel that connected the Atlantic Ocean and the Great Lakes. Construction of the Erie Canal lasted eight years from July 4, 1817, to October 26, 1825. The seven million dollar project connected the Atlantic Ocean with Lake Erie via the Hudson River in Albany, New York. The 363-mile long canal was first used on May 17, 1821. In 1918, the Erie Canal expanded and became part of the 525-mile long New York State Barge Canal.

Settlers proposed the idea of a canal in 1768. They wanted and needed transportation from the East Coast to the West, where they were settling. Meanwhile, John Fitch was granted a steamboat patent in 1791. Steam power was becoming quite popular. By the early 1800s, steamboats were used on rivers for transportation. John Fitch's steamboat *Clermont* launched on August 17, 1807. Passengers traveled 150 miles from New York City to Albany. Now people began to understand the value of connecting various waterways.

By 1808, the proposal for a canal was passed. Many initially didn't want the canal. However, Governor DeWitt Clinton of New York supported the construction, so the plan began. Sometimes the Erie Canal is called "Clinton's Big Ditch" or "DeWitt's Ditch."

In the beginning, building the canal was difficult. First, the land had to be cleared, including forests. It took two years to build the first two miles of canal. Another challenge included a shortage of workers. Construction finally sped up when immigrants arrived from Ireland. The various heights of the canal waterways posed a unique

Who was granted a steamboat patent? *

- DeWitt Clinton
- John Quincy Adams
- John Fitch
- None of the above

What were horse drivers that towed the boats called? *

- Hoggies
- Dogouts
- Hogies
- Gogets

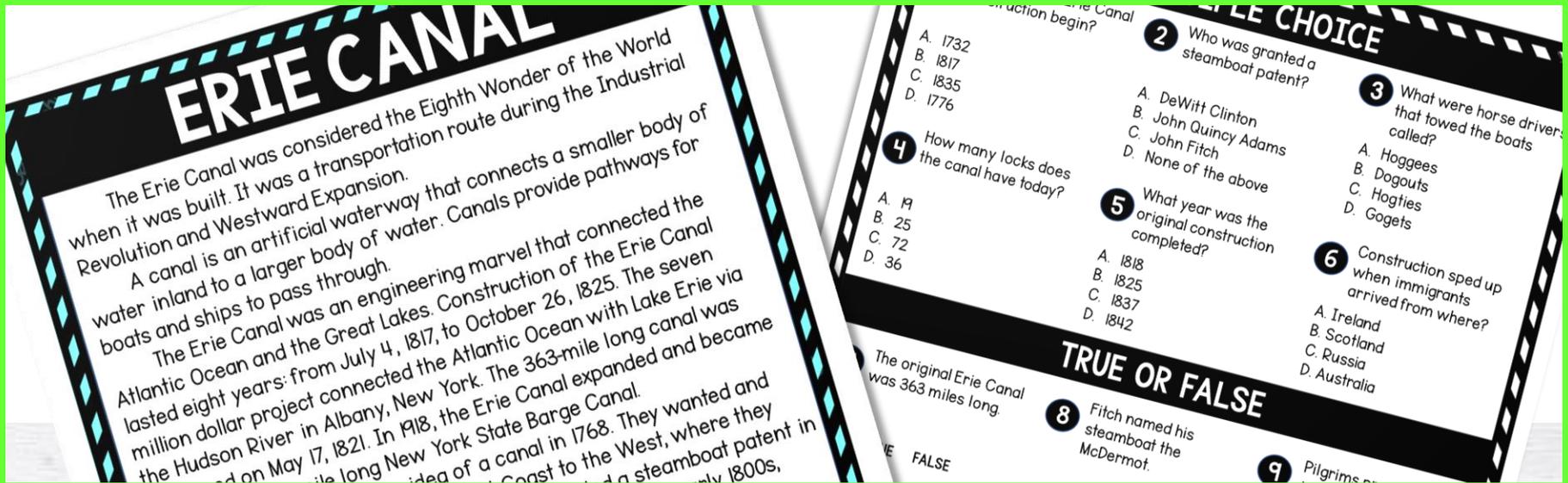
How many locks does the canal have today? *

- 19
- 25
- 72
- 36

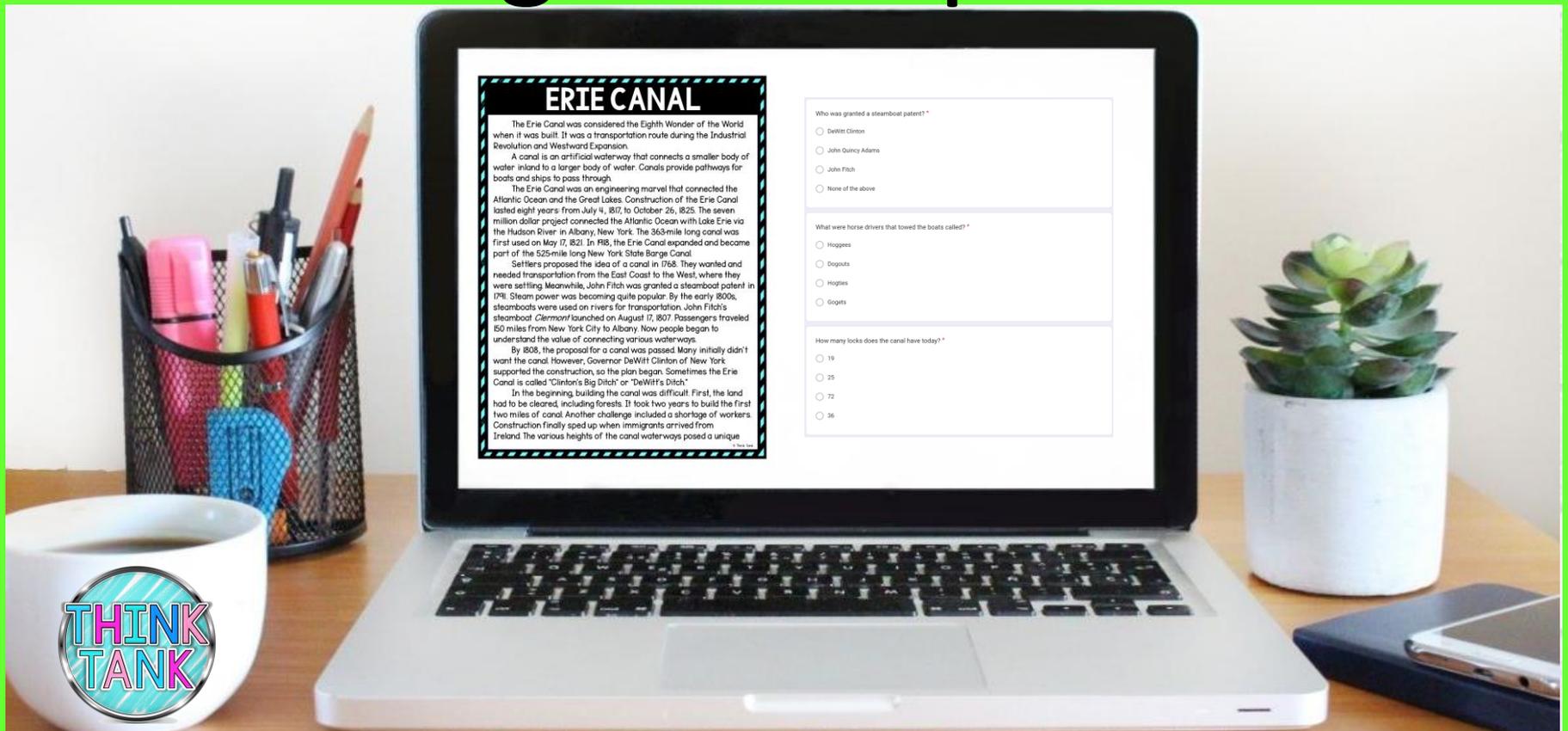


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